

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 58 remain in this application. Claims 1-58 have been finally rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blowers et al (6,298,474) ("Blowers"), in view of Kiraly et al (6,088,731) ("Kiraly").

Applicant asserts that the final rejection is improper, and respectfully requests that the final rejection be withdrawn.

The claims have been further amended so as to make more clear what is essential to the invention. In particular, it has been made more explicit that the machine vision tool is interoperably trained remotely via the network. Further, it has been made more explicit that the machine vision tool has been interoperably run remotely via the network. Moreover, it has been made more explicit that the machine vision tool is capable of interoperably running remotely via the network. Also, it has been made more explicit that the machine vision tool is remotely interoperable via the network.

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Thus, combining Blowers with Kiraly would not result in Applicants' invention, as now claimed in the amended claims herein. The elements of each amended independent claim, for example, are missing from both Blowers and Kiraly. Moreover, there is no suggestion to combine Blowers with Kiraly to obtain Applicant's invention. Even if Blowers and Kiraly were combined, the result would not be Applicant's invention. Alternatively, to combine them would result in a deficient teaching that would require undue experimentation on the part of the combiner. Thus, combining them to obtain Applicants' invention is neither obvious nor useful.

Accordingly, Applicants assert that the present application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to phone the undersigned attorney to further the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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